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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

Jason Sievert; Tracy Petway; and Vivan
Bernard, individually and on behalf of the
Knight-Swift Transportation Retirement Plan,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

Knight-Swift Transportation Holdings, Inc.

Defendant.

Case No.

Class Action Complaint

Jason Sievert; Tracy Petway; and Vivian Bernard (collectively, “Plaintiffs”) are current and former participants in the Knight-Swift Transportation Holdings, Inc. (“Plan”). Plaintiffs bring this action as representatives of the Plan against Knight-Swift Transportation Holdings, Inc. (“Defendant”) for breach of Employee Retirement Income Security Act’s, 29 U.S.C. §§1001–1461 (“ERISA”): (1) fiduciary duty of loyalty; (2) fiduciary duty of prudence; (3) prohibition on self-dealing transactions.

BRIEF OVERVIEW

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2 1. ERISA fiduciaries to retirement plans are held to a standard that is
3 described as the “highest known to the law.” *Tibble v. Edison Int’l*, 843 F.3d 1187, 1197
4 (9th Cir. 2016).

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6 2. ERISA’s duty of loyalty requires retirement plan fiduciaries to discharge
7 their duties to a plan “solely in the interest of the participants and beneficiaries” and “for
8 the exclusive purpose of: (i) providing benefits to participants and their beneficiaries;
9 and (ii) defraying reasonable expenses of administering the plan.” 29 U.S.C. §
10 1104(a)(1)(A).
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12 3. Under ERISA, retirement plan fiduciaries must discharge their duties of
13 prudence “with the care, skill, prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then
14 prevailing that a prudent man acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters
15 would use in the conduct of an enterprise of a like character and with like aims.” 29
16 U.S.C. § 1104(a)(1)(B).
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18 4. In accordance with 29 U.S.C. § 1103(a), the assets of a plan are held in a
19 trust fund. Retirement plans are typically funded by a combination of wage withholdings
20 by plan participants and contributions by employers. These funds are deposited into a
21 plan’s trust fund. Upon their deposit into a plan’s trust fund, all participant contributions
22 and any matching contribution become assets of the plan.
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24 5. Here, the Plan is funded as described about in Paragraph 4. The Plan
25 “provides for an individual account for each participant and for benefits solely upon the
26 amount contributed to the participant’s account, and any income, expenses, gains and
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1 losses, and any forfeiture of accounts of other participants which may be allocated to
2 such participant's account." 29 U.S.C. § 1002(34).

3 6. Plan participants pay for the Plan's administrative expenses through an
4 array of direct and indirect methods.

5 7. The deduction/payment of these administrative expenses from Plan
6 participant accounts reduces the funds available to participants for investing and/or
7 distributions.

8 8. Plan participants typically make pre-tax contributions each pay period to
9 their individual Plan accounts. They are immediately vested in their own contributions
10 to their individual Plan accounts, plus actual earnings thereon. Defendant also matches,
11 to a certain amount, contributions that Plan participants make to their individual Plan
12 accounts. Vesting in the matching portion of participant accounts, plus actual earnings
13 thereon, is based on years of credited service. A participant is 100% vested after five
14 years of credited service. Notwithstanding the above, a participant is fully vested upon
15 reaching normal retirement age, death, or permanent disability.

16 9. When a Plan participant has a break in service prior to full vesting, the
17 participant forfeits the balance of any unvested contributions in his or her individual
18 account.

19 10. The U.S. Department of Labor requires Defendant to file an annual Form
20 5500 Disclosure for the Plan. The Form 5500 Disclosure is part of ERISA's overall
21 reporting and disclosure framework, which is intended to assure that employee benefit
22 plans are operated and managed in accordance with certain prescribed standards and that
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1 participants and beneficiaries, as well as regulators, are provided or have access to
2 sufficient information to protect the rights and benefits of participants and beneficiaries
3 who participate in employee benefit plans.

4 11. Defendant has filed annual Form 5500 Disclosures for the Plan during the
5 relevant time period, except the last annual Form 5500 Disclosure for the Plan was filed
6 for the period covering the year ending 2022. Defendant has yet to file a Form 5500
7 Disclosure for the Plan covering the year ending 2023.

8 12. The annual Form 5500 Disclosures are signed by Defendant under penalty
9 of perjury, and with the following declaration: "I declare that I have examined this
10 return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well
11 as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief,
12 it is true, correct, and complete."

13 13. The annual Form 5500 Disclosure for the period covering the year ending
14 2022 provides:

15 **Forfeited Accounts**

16 Forfeitures of nonvested contributions and earnings thereon
17 shall be used to pay Plan expenses and to the extent any
18 remain, to reduce the Company's matching contribution.
19 Forfeited nonvested account balances are \$2,605,250 and
20 \$1,928,867 at December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.
21 During 2022 and 2021, forfeitures of \$2,066,956 and
22 \$926,027, respectively, were used to offset Employer-
23 matching contributions and to pay administrative fees.

24 14. All of the Plan's annual Form 5500 Disclosures for the relevant time
25 period contain similar language. They all state that forfeitures **shall** be used first to pay
26 Plan expenses and that to the extent any forfeitures remain after **all** Plan expenses are
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1 paid that then forfeitures may be used to reduce Defendant's matching contribution
2 obligations.

3 15. Defendant, however, admits in the Plan's Form 5500 Disclosures that it
4 did not first use forfeitures to pay all Plan expenses. Instead, Defendant admits it took
5 the forfeitures (Plan assets) and used those Plan assets for its own benefit to reduce
6 Defendant's future contributions in the following amounts over the following years:
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- 8 ■ 2022 – \$2,066,956
- 9 ■ 2021 – \$926,027
- 10 ■ 2020 – \$775,825
- 11 ■ 2019 – \$351,483
- 12 ■ 2018 – \$272,927
- 13 ■ 2017 – \$245,002

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15 Thus, Defendant admits to having wrongfully taken for itself at least \$4,638,220
16 of Plan assets from 2022 to 2017. Plaintiffs allege that Defendant has wrongfully taken
17 for itself Plan assets in 2023 as well, but Defendant has yet to disclose the amount it has
18 taken. Plaintiffs seek all available legal and equitable remedies for amounts wrongfully
19 taken by Defendant from the Plan in 2023 as well.
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22 16. While Defendant's reallocation of the forfeitures in the Plan's trust fund
23 to reduce its contributions benefitted the Defendant, it harmed the Plan along with Plan
24 participants, by causing participants to incur deductions from their individual accounts
25 each quarter, yearly, and/or at different time intervals to cover expenses that would
26 otherwise have been covered by utilizing forfeited funds.
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1 17. It is not just the language in the Plan's Form 5500 Disclosures. The Plan
2 Document, which describes the Plan's terms and conditions related to the operation and
3 administration of the Plan provides Defendant must first use forfeitures to pay Plan
4 expenses. Defendant violated the terms of the Plan Document by using forfeitures first
5 for its own benefit and not for the benefit of the Plan. Forfeited funds were always used
6 for Defendant's benefit and Plan participants always paid Plan administrative expenses
7 during the relevant time period. There was no discretion, process, consideration of using
8 forfeited funds for anything other than to benefit Defendant.
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11 18. Plaintiffs allege that given the specific context and circumstances
12 prevailing at the time Defendant acted throughout the relevant time period with respect
13 to forfeited funds that it was a violation of ERISA for Defendant to use forfeited funds
14 for its own benefit and not for the benefit of the Plan or the Plan's participants.
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16 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

17 19. This Court has exclusive jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action
18 under 29 U.S.C. §1132(e)(1) and 28 U.S.C. §1331 because it is an action under 29
19 U.S.C. §1132(a)(2) and (3).
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21 20. This judicial District is the proper venue for this action under 29 U.S.C.
22 §1132(e)(2) and 28 U.S.C. §1391(b) because it is the district in which the Plan is
23 administered.
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25 21. Venue is proper in this District because Defendant is headquartered in
26 Phoenix, Arizona.
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THE PLAN

22. The Plan is subject to the provisions of ERISA.

23. Defendant established the Plan in 1992. The Plan has been amended at various times over the years. The Plan was last amended on July 13, 2020, to incorporate provisions of the CARES Act of 2020.

24. The Plan is a qualified retirement plan commonly referred to as a 401(k) plan.

25. The Plan is established and maintained under written documents in accordance with 29 U.S.C. §1102(a)(1).

26. The Plan is a “defined contribution” or “individual account” plan within the meaning of ERISA § 3(34), 29 U.S.C. § 1002(34).

27. The Plan’s Form 5500 for the year ending 2022 provides that there are 16,395 Plan participants with individual account balances in the Plan.

28. The Plan’s Form 5500 for the year ending 2022 provides there is \$375,726,055 in net assets available for benefits in the Plan.

29. The Plan’s Form 5500 for the year ending 2022 provides Plan participants paid \$1,273,542 to the Plan’s recordkeeper in direct compensation (an administrative expense). It also discloses Plan participants paid the recordkeeper indirect compensation but the amount of indirect compensation (more administrative expenses) is not disclosed. The Plan’s Form 5500 also discloses that Plan participants paid about another \$220,000 to other third parties (not including the recordkeeper) for other administrative services provided to the Plan.

1 30. The Plan's Form 5500 disclosures submitted by Defendant during the
2 relevant time period show that every year during the relevant time period the Plan's
3 administrative expenses, expenses paid by Plan participants, exceeded the amount of
4 forfeitures that Defendant took for itself each year.

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6 **THE PARTIES**
7 **Plaintiffs & Standing**

8 31. Plaintiff Jason Sievert ("Sievert") is a current participant in the Plan. He
9 pays administrative expenses to participate in the Plan. The administrative expenses he
10 pays reduce the amount of his retirement savings.

11 32. Plaintiff Tracy Petway ("Petway") is a former participant in the Plan.
12 Petway was an active participant from 2017 to 2022. He paid administrative expenses
13 to participate in the Plan. The administrative expenses he paid reduced the amount of
14 his retirement savings.

15 33. Plaintiff Vivian Bernard ("Bernard") is a is a current participant in the
16 Plan. He pays administrative expenses to participate in the Plan. The administrative
17 expenses he pays reduce the amount of his retirement savings.

18 34. In terms of standing, §1132(a)(2) allows recovery for a "plan" and does
19 not provide a remedy for individual injuries distinct from plan injuries. Here, Plaintiffs
20 allege no individual injuries distinct from Plan injuries. All remedies are sought on
21 behalf of the Plan.

22 35. Section 1132(a)(2) authorizes any participant or beneficiary to sue
23 derivatively as a representative of a plan to seek relief on behalf of the plan. 29 U.S.C.
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1 §1132(a)(2). As explained in detail below, the Plan suffered millions of dollars in losses
2 caused by Defendant's fiduciary breaches and it remains exposed to harm and continued
3 losses, and those injuries may be redressed by a judgment of this Court in favor of
4 Plaintiffs.

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6 36. To the extent the Plaintiffs must also show individual injuries even though
7 §1132(a)(2) does not provide redress for individual injuries, Plaintiffs have standing to
8 bring this action on behalf of the Plan because they are current and former participants
9 in the Plan and were injured and Sievert continues to be injured by Defendant's unlawful
10 conduct.

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12 37. To establish standing, Plaintiffs need only show a constitutionally
13 adequate injury flowing from those decisions or failures. Plaintiffs allege such an injury
14 for each claim. Plaintiffs have standing because the challenged conduct, including
15 Defendant's actions resulting in Plaintiffs and the Plan participants paying
16 administrative fees that they would not have had to pay had Defendant first used
17 forfeitures to pay administrative expenses instead of for Defendant's own benefit. All
18 Plan participants were affected by Defendant's imprudence in the same way because all
19 Plan participants paid administrative expenses they should not have paid.

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22 38. For example, Plaintiffs' individual accounts in the Plan suffered losses
23 because, in fact, their accounts were assessed administrative fees, which would not have
24 been assessed (and paid) had Defendant discharged its fiduciary duties to the Plan and
25 first used forfeited Plan assets to pay for Plan administrative expenses and not for
26 Defendant's own benefit.
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39. All class members have standing for the same reason. Each class members' individual account in the Plan suffered losses because, in fact, each participants' account was assessed (and paid) administrative fees, which would not have been assessed (and paid) had Defendant discharged its fiduciary duties to the Plan.

Defendant

40. Defendant is the Plan Sponsor and a fiduciary of the Plan within the meaning of ERISA Section 3(21)(A), 29 U.S.C. § 1002(21)(A), because: (a) it is a named fiduciary under the Plan, (b) during the relevant time period, it exercised discretionary authority and control over Plan management and/or authority or control over management or disposition of Plan assets.

41. Defendant is also a fiduciary to the Plan because it is the Plan Administrator and it exercised authority or discretionary control respecting the management of the Plan or exercised authority or control respecting the disposition of Plan assets and has discretionary authority or discretionary responsibility in the administration of the Plan. 29 U.S.C. §1002(21)(A)(i) and (iii).

CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

42. Plaintiffs bring this action as a class action pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23 on behalf of himself and the following proposed class ("Class"):¹

All persons who were participants or beneficiaries of the Plan, at any time between September 16, 2018, and the present (the "Class Period").

¹ Plaintiffs reserve the right to propose other or additional classes or subclasses in his motion for class certification or subsequent pleadings in this action.

1 43. There are more than 16,000 current participants in the Plan. Class
2 members are so numerous that joinder is impractical.

3 44. Plaintiffs' claims are typical of the claims of the Class. Like other Class
4 members, Plaintiffs participated in the Plan and suffered injuries because of
5 Defendant's ERISA fiduciary breaches. Defendant treated Plaintiffs consistently with
6 other Class members and managed the Plan as a single entity. Plaintiffs' claims and the
7 claims of all Class members arise out of the same conduct, policies, and practices and
8 all Class members have been similarly affected by Defendant's wrongful conduct.
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10 45. There are questions of law and fact common to the Class. These questions
11 predominate over questions affecting only individual Class members. Common legal
12 and factual questions include, but are not limited to:
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- 14 A. Whether Defendant is fiduciary of the Plan;
15 B. Whether Defendant breached its fiduciary duty of loyalty by
16 engaging in the conduct described herein;
17 C. Whether Defendant breached its fiduciary duty of prudence by
18 engaging in the conduct described herein;
19 D. Whether Defendant engaged in ERISA prohibited transactions;
20 E. The proper form of equitable and injunctive relief; and
21 F. The proper measure of relief.
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23 46. Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately represent the Class and have retained
24 counsel experienced and competent in the prosecution of ERISA class action litigation.
25 Plaintiffs have no interests antagonistic to those of other Class members. Plaintiffs are
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1 committed to the vigorous prosecution of this action and anticipate no difficulty in the
2 management of this litigation as a class action.

3 47. This action may be properly certified under Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(1). Class
4 action status in this action is warranted under Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(1)(A) because
5 prosecution of separate actions by the members of the Class would create a risk of
6 establishing incompatible standards of conduct for Defendant. Class action status is
7 also warranted under Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(1)(B) because prosecution of separate
8 actions by the members of the Class would create a risk of adjudications with respect
9 to individual members of the Class that, as a practical matter, would be dispositive of
10 the interests of other Class members not parties to this action, or that would
11 substantially impair or impede their ability to protect their interests.

12 48. In the alternative, certification under Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(2) is warranted
13 because Defendant has acted, or refused to act, on grounds generally applicable to the
14 Class, thereby making appropriate final injunctive, declaratory, or other appropriate
15 equitable relief with respect to the Class as a whole.

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19 **FIRST CLAIM**

20 **Breach of Fiduciary Duty of Loyalty – Self Dealing**

21 49. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate herein by reference all prior allegations
22 in this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

23 50. Pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 1104(a)(1)(A), Defendant was required to
24 discharge its duties to the Plan “solely in the interest of the participants and
25 beneficiaries” and “for the exclusive purpose of: (i) providing benefits to participants
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1 and their beneficiaries; and (ii) defraying reasonable expenses of administering the
2 plan.”

3 51. Defendant has continually breached this duty of loyalty with respect to its
4 control and management of the Plan’s assets throughout the Class Period by choosing
5 to utilize forfeited funds in the Plan for the benefit of Defendant rather than solely in
6 the interest of Plan participants.
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8 52. Instead of acting solely in the interest of Plan participants by utilizing
9 forfeited funds in the Plan to reduce or eliminate the administrative expenses charged
10 to the Plan and Plan participants, Defendant chose to use these Plan assets for the
11 purpose of reducing its own future contributions to the Plan, thereby saving Defendant
12 millions of dollars during the Class Period at the expense of the Plan and Plan
13 participants who were forced to incur avoidable administrative expense deductions to
14 their individual accounts in the Plan.
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17 53. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's fiduciary breaches
18 described herein, the Plan suffered injury and loss for which it is personally liable and
19 is subject to appropriate equitable relief, pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 1109, including,
20 without limitation, the disgorgement of all ill-gotten gains to Defendant resulting from
21 the breach of its duty of loyalty.
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23 **SECOND CLAIM**

24 **Breach of Fiduciary Duty of Prudence – Forfeited Funds**

25 54. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate herein by reference all prior allegations
26 in this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
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1 55. Pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 1104(a)(1)(B), Defendant was required to
2 discharge its duties with respect to the Plan “with the care, skill, prudence, and diligence
3 under the circumstances then prevailing that a prudent man acting in a like capacity and
4 familiar with such matters would use in the conduct of an enterprise of a like character
5 and with like aims.”
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7 56. Defendant has continuously breached its duty of prudence under 29 U.S.C.
8 § 1104(a)(1)(B) throughout the Class Period by declining to use the forfeited funds in
9 the Plan to eliminate the administrative expenses charged to participant accounts, or in
10 other ways that benefit solely the Plan, and instead using such Plan assets to reduce the
11 Defendant’s own contributions and financial obligations owed to the Plan.
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13 57. Defendant failed to engage in a reasoned and impartial decision-making
14 process to determine that using the forfeited funds in the Plan to reduce the Defendant’s
15 own contribution expenses, as opposed to the administrative expenses charged to Plan
16 participant accounts, was in the best interest of the Plan’s participants or was prudent
17 under the circumstances considering the language in the Plan document and disclosures
18 to Plan participants, and failed to consider whether participants would be better served
19 by another use of these Plan assets after considering all relevant factors.
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22 58. By declining to use forfeited funds in the Plan to eliminate the
23 administrative expenses charged to participant accounts, and instead using such Plan
24 assets to reduce the Defendant’s own contribution expenses, Defendant caused the Plan
25 incur and pay for expenses that would otherwise have been covered in whole or in part
26 by utilizing the forfeited funds to pay Plan expenses.
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Breach of ERISA's Anti-Inurement Provision

61. Pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 1103(c)(1), “the assets of a plan shall never inure to the benefit of any employer and shall be held for the exclusive purpose of providing benefits to participants in the plan and their beneficiaries and defraying reasonable expenses of administering the plan.”

63. By electing to utilize these Plan assets as a substitute for the Defendant's own future contributions to the Plan, thereby saving Defendant millions of dollars in contribution expenses, Defendant caused assets of the Plan to inure to the benefit of the employer in violation of 29 U.S.C. 1103(c)(1).

64. Defendant failed to employ any reasonable process or give any consideration with respect to the forfeited funds. Rather, Defendant always treated

1 forfeited funds as being reversionary in nature and diverted all of the funds to Defendant
2 for its own benefit.

3 65. Defendant is personally liable under 29 U.S.C. § 1109(a) to make good to
4 the Plan any losses to the Plan resulting from Defendant's violation of ERISA's anti-
5 inurement provision as alleged in this claim and to restore to the Plan all profits secured
6 through its use of Plan assets, and Defendant is subject to other equitable or remedial
7 relief as appropriate.
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10 **FOURTH CLAIM**
ERISA Prohibited Transactions

11 66. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate herein by reference all prior allegations
12 in this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

13 67. 29 U.S.C. § 1106(a)(1) provides that "[a] fiduciary with respect to a plan
14 shall not cause the plan to engage in a transaction, if he knows or should know that such
15 transaction constitutes a direct or indirect . . . exchange . . . of any property between the
16 plan and a party in interest . . . or use by or for the benefit of a party in interest, of any
17 assets of the plan."
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19 68. Defendant is a party in interest, as that term is defined under 29 U.S.C.
20 §1002 (14), because it is a Plan fiduciary and because Defendant is the employer of
21 Plan participants.
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23 69. Defendant caused the forfeited funds to be removed from the Plan trust
24 and transferred to another account controlled by Defendant. This is a transaction for
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1 purposes of 29 U.S.C. § 1106. Defendant then used the forfeited funds (Plan assets) to
2 satisfy Defendant's contractual obligations to the Plan and Plan participants.

3 70. By electing to use forfeited funds in the Plan as a substitute for
4 Defendant's contractual and legal obligations to the Plan, and thereby saving Defendant
5 millions of dollars in contribution expenses, Defendant caused the Plan to engage in
6 transactions that constituted a direct or indirect exchange of existing Plan assets for
7 future employer contributions and/or a use of Plan assets by or for the benefit of a party
8 in interest.
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10 71. As a result of these prohibited transactions, Defendant caused the Plan to
11 suffer losses in the amount of the Plan assets that were substituted for future employer
12 contributions and the lost investment returns on those assets.
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14 72. Defendant is personally liable under 29 U.S.C. § 1109(a) to make good to
15 the Plan any losses to the Plan resulting from the prohibited transactions alleged in this
16 claim, to reverse and/or correct the prohibited transactions, to restore to the Plan all
17 assets and profits obtained through the use of Plan assets and is subject to other
18 equitable or remedial relief as appropriate.
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21 **FIFTH CLAIM**

22 ***Failure to Adequately Monitor Other Fiduciaries***

23 73. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate herein by reference all prior allegations
24 in this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

25 74. Defendant is the named fiduciary with the overall responsibility for the
26 control, management and administration of the Plan, in accordance with 29 U.S.C.
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1 §1102(a). Defendant is the Plan Administrator of the Plan under 29 U.S.C.
2 §1002(16)(A)(i) with exclusive responsibility and complete discretionary authority to
3 control the operation, management and administration of the Plan, with all powers
4 necessary to enable it to properly carry out such responsibilities, including the selection
5 and compensation of the providers of administrative services to the Plan.
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7 75. Given that Defendant had the overall responsibility for the oversight of
8 the Plan, Defendant had a fiduciary responsibility to monitor the performance of the
9 other fiduciaries and service providers, including those delegated fiduciary
10 responsibility to administer and manage Plan assets.
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12 76. A monitoring fiduciary must ensure that its monitored fiduciaries and
13 service providers are performing their obligations in a prudent manner and in for a
14 reasonable cost to the Plan, and must take prompt and effective action to protect the
15 Plan and participants when they are not. Defendant breached its fiduciary monitoring
16 duties by, among other things:
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- 18 a. Failing to monitor its appointees, to evaluate their performance, or
19 to have a system in place for doing so, and standing idly by as the
20 Plan suffered losses as a result of its appointees' imprudent actions
21 and omissions with respect to the Plan;
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- 23 b. Failing to ensure that the monitored fiduciaries and service
24 providers had a prudent process in place for evaluating the Plan's
25 administrative fees and forfeited funds and ensuring that forfeited
26 funds were first used to pay administrative fees; and
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1 c. Failing to remove monitored fiduciaries whose performance was
2 inadequate in that they continued to use forfeited funds for
3 Defendant's benefit and to the detriment of the Plan and all Plan
4 participants.

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6 77. Had Defendant discharged its fiduciary monitoring duties prudently as
7 described above, the losses suffered by the Plan would have been minimized or
8 avoided. Therefore, as a direct result of the breaches of fiduciary duty alleged herein,
9 the Plan and Plan participants lost millions of dollars of retirement savings.

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11 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

12 For these reasons, Plaintiffs, on behalf of the Plan, respectfully request that the
13 Court:

14 1. Find and declare that the Defendant has breached its fiduciary duties and
15 engaged in prohibited conduct and transactions as described above;

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17 2. Find and adjudge that Defendant is personally liable to make good to the
18 Plan all losses to the Plan resulting from each violation of ERISA described above, and
19 to otherwise restore the Plan to the position it would have occupied but for these
20 violations;

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22 3. Determine the method by which Plan losses under 29 U.S.C. §1109(a)
23 should be calculated;

24 4. Order disgorgement of all assets and profits secured by Defendant as a
25 result of each ERISA violation described above;

1 5. Order Defendant to provide all accountings necessary to determine the
2 amounts Defendant must make good to the Plan under §1109(a);

3 6. Remove the fiduciaries who have breached their fiduciary duties and
4 enjoin them from future ERISA violations;

5 7. Surcharge against Defendant and in favor of the Plan all amounts involved
6 in any transactions which such accounting reveals were improper, excessive and/or in
7 violation of ERISA;

8 8. Certify the Class, appoint the Plaintiffs as class representatives, and
9 appoint their counsel as Class Counsel;

10 9. Award to the Plaintiffs and the Class their attorney's fees and costs under
11 29 U.S.C. §1132(g)(1) and the common fund doctrine;

12 10. Order the payment of interest to the extent it is allowed by law; and

13 11. Grant other equitable or remedial relief as the Court deems appropriate.
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